

1. What is your name?

Cyril Joseph

2. What is your age range?

18-24

3. What is your work status?

Student

4. What inspired you to become a volunteer at SCFM?

I began researching food closets in Sacramento County, and I found SCFM through their website. I was drawn to their roots in Christian service and ministry. After volunteering for my first shift, I knew that this was a food closet that prioritized service above all else in an environment where fellow volunteers care and respect each other. I became drawn in and I fell in love with the atmosphere of everyone involved and the care that we all were providing.

5. How long have you been volunteering at the food closet, and what roles have you served in?

I have been volunteering at the food closet for close to 4 months. I have served in distributing food to cars during the distribution hours and food package preparation.

6. What is your favorite part about volunteering at the SCFM?

My favorite part about volunteering at SCFM is the food distribution. My interactions with people I meet during the food distribution are honest and loving, and the comradery that is felt during the food distribution service is great.

7. In what ways have you seen the SCFM make a positive impact in the community?

People come to SCFM from all different backgrounds, and SCFM will provide service to all. This devotion to service and compassion has a ripple effect on the broader community. For example, during Thanksgiving, hundreds of families came to SCFM for a Thanksgiving meal, and the impact that SCFM achieved that day in caring for people's physical, emotional, and

spiritual state was just one example of the service that SCFM provides for the greater Sacramento community.

8. What are some of the biggest challenges you've faced as a volunteer at the food closet, and how have you overcome them?

I have not faced big challenges here. I was initially concerned about whether it would be difficult learning the system of how SCFM distributes food; however, SCFM makes it very understandable and clear for effective operations.

9. How has volunteering at the SCFM affected your faith and worldview?

SCFM has added depth and experience to my faith and worldview. Through my service at the food distribution, I am better equipped with knowledge of food insecurity and how it impacts the greater Sacramento community. Moreover, each volunteer shift brings a new fulfilling experience that I will remember going forward.

10. What message would you like to share with people who are considering donating to or volunteering at the SCFM?

I would recommend signing up for a shift to see how you like it. Everyone who serves at SCFM is extremely hospitable and provides a family-like environment. It is a joy to serve at SCFM, and the service that SCFM provides is incredibly meaningful to many people in the greater Sacramento community.

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